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October 30th, 1919

Professor J.B. Dale,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Professor Dale:

I am very sorry that I did not see more of you when I was in Winnipeg, and I have been wondering whether you did not miss the train on which I came East. I hope that I have been wrong in my surmise.

I am much interested in what you say and I will keep you in mind if anything comes to my notice in which I can be of service to you. At present I am not able to say anything definite.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 25th, 1919

Professor J. A. Dale,
McGill University.
Dear Professor Dale:

If Saturday had not been so very wet I should have made an effort to see you in Montreal, and owing to this I did not answer your letter last Friday on my return from New York.

Probably we shall make our arrangements with regard to the Social Service Department early in the year. I presume that if you could know by the end of January what our decision is likely to be it would not inconvenience you.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

January 9th, 1920

Professor J. S. Dale,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Dale:

Could you make it convenient to come to Toronto some time before long in order that we may look more fully into the possibility of your becoming associated with the Social Service Department in the University next year ?

Friday of next week or the beginning of the week following I am free and should be glad to meet your choice in the matter. The University will of course pay your expenses in connection with this.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
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FACULTY OF ARTS.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

PROFESSOR J. A. DALE.

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10.1.20.

Dear Sir Robert

Friday will suit me well, as classes are closed for examinations. I will therefore come on the Thursday night train.

I heartily reciprocate your good wishes and kind regards.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dale.

February 13th, 1920

Professor J. A. Dale,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Professor Dale:

As I telegraphed to you last night the Board of Governors yesterday afternoon appointed you to be Director of the Department of Social Service, and at the same time to hold a position as Professor of Social Science in the Faculty of Arts, the salary to begin at $4200. The appointment will date from the first of July, 1920.

I hope that this will be the commencement of a very happy connection both for yourself and the University of Toronto and that the Department of Social Service will make great progress under your direction. I shall of course always deem it a pleasure to be able to assist you in any way I can.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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PROFESSOR J. A. DALE.

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23.3.20.

Dear Sir Robert

Do you think there is any chance it might be made possible for me to attend the National Conference of Social Work, which is to be held at New Orleans April 14-21 ? I think it would be extremely valuable if I could meet the leaders in organised social service on the continent; it offers the best and quickest way of getting personal touch with them and their ideas. I think it worth suggesting in case the investment might appeal to one of the former benefactors of the Department, if it be out of the question for the university. I could be free from McGill and return in time to correct my papers.

I have refused all summer work in order to be free for preparation; I feel that the conference with its opportunities for consultation and discussion with men I could not hope to meet when they are dispersed, would help me very much.

You will be interested to know that we have succeeded in getting a house - on Huron Street just south of Bernard. I hope you have completely recovered from your indisposition.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dale

March 25th, 1920

Professor J. A. Dale,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Professor Dale:

I should like very much if it were possible for us to provide the money to enable you to attend the Conference of social work in New Orleans, but of late the University owing to the demands in every direction has had to curtail the allowances that it has made in the past to members of the staff for attending various scientific and other conferences. I know that we could not at present provide it out of university funds. On the other hand I have of late been asking the friends of the University for money in connection with the War Memorial Fund to which there has been a generous response and I hesitate at present to apply to them for anything extra. Have you any idea as to what the expenses would amount to ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

PROFESSOR J. A. DALE.

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1.4.20.

Dear Sir Robert

I did not reply at once to your enquiry how much the visit to the New Orleans Convention would cost, because of the uncertainty of the business of changing house.

The cost would I think be little less than $250, though I believe that would cover it: the transportation alone is $97.

Some day perhaps we shall be able to have a fund for such purposes - at least for sending a representative to the Canadian Conference, which is less formidable: it is to be held this year in May at Hamilton. The Montreal hospitals are sending their social workers to New Orleans.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dale

April 7th, 1920

Professor J. A. Dale,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Professor Dale:

In the absence of the President in Calgary I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st inst. which will receive his attention on his return in a fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

April 21st, 1920

Professor J. A. Dale,
McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Professor Dale:

On my return from the West I received your letter with regard to the expenses for New Orleans. I am very sorry that I do not see my way at present to get that amount of money, but I hope that if it is necessary for you to attend such a Conference next year we may be able to make arrangements that will enable you to do so.

Will you also please give me your opinion, if possible by return, whether the University Settlement is likely to prove of such assistance to your work in the Social Service Department that you would like to have it maintained in a probationary way for another year ? The reason I ask is that among some members of the committee there is a disposition to wind up the Settlement this spring. For many years it has been maintained with a great deal of effort and with not a little discouragement. I think, however, that if you feel it might be to your advantage to have it maintained for another year until you can see what is in it an effort might be made to meet your wishes.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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PROFESSOR J. A. DALE.

24.4.20.

Dear Sir Robert

The question you ask about the University Settlement is a very hard one to answer in my entire ignorance of its work. We ought certainly to be able to make good use of it, and I should like to see the suggestion of a probationary year carried out. Just exactly what use is possible I can not say till we have tried: but a good settlement ought to be a good experimental station.

I know from experience how hard it is to keep a sttlement going, and we have not yet solved here the problem of its relation to the Social Service Department: so that I can not feel quite sure of its use in training and so-called clinical work. But I would like to see the experiment tried. Our settlement here has been very successful in many ways: but is always hard to finance.

I intend if the end-of-term pressure will allow to attend the Canadian Conference on Public Welfare at Hamilton May 9-11. Just now I am swamped with examinations and committees and their sequelae.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dale